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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO: 10/528,914

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FOR: USE OF 4-PYRIDYLMETHYL-PHTHALAZINE DERIVATIVES FOR  
THE MANUFACTURE OF A MEDICAMENT FOR THE TREATMENT  
OF MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

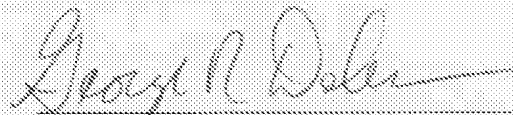
The Office Action of November 12, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on February 12, 2009. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1110 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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